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From: Maier, Brent
Sent: Mon 4/22/2013 8:30:50 PM
Subject: Rep. Xavier Becerra Staff Inquiry Regarding Exide Technologies in Los Angeles

All –

Please see the attached inquiry from a staffer in Rep. Xavier Becerra's office. Please let me know who I can work with to respond to this incoming request.

Recently, in response to an inquiry from an LA Times reporter, Nahal Mogharabi sent the following summary, however, this Congressional staffer, Brenda Vargas, is asking me to provide their office with **"...additional information on the federal regulations Exide is violating and what the process is that the EPA takes when it finds that a company is violating regulations?"**

➤ **Please let me know who I can work with to respond to this request and/or set up a call to discuss and explain EPA's process that it takes when we find that a company is violating regulations.**

Here's information Nahal provided to the LA Times reporter that was asking about Exide a week or so ago. Just so you have it.

As you know, DTSC and South Coast AQMD are the lead agencies for the Exide site in Vernon. In terms of hazardous waste, DTSC has full regulatory authority for this facility. EPA, under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act does have regulatory oversight, should that be necessary. DTSC is actively looking into the facility with regard to recent concerns. EPA meets regularly with DTSC to coordinate federal and state efforts on the hazardous waste permitting and enforcement programs. EPA is actively working with DTSC and is prepared to support DTSC on any future efforts should that be necessary.

The South Coast AQMD has been authorized by EPA to implement the federal Clean

Air Act, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for lead. In addition, the AQMD has several regulations affecting lead and arsenic emissions that are more stringent than existing federal standards. It is EPA's understanding that the AQMD has been working closely with the facility to reduce these emissions for a number of years. EPA has an oversight role regarding CAA enforcement programs and Title V operating permit programs, and will generally step in when an authorized air agency's implementation is inadequate.

Please contact DTSC and AQMD for information on any ongoing enforcement actions. Also, to the extent that your question involves Exide facilities in other EPA Regions, we recommend you contact our headquarters Office at press@epa.gov.

Brent Maier

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From: Yogi, David
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 1:13 PM
To: Maier, Brent
Cc: Mogharabi, Nahal
Subject: FW: Exide Technologies in Los Angeles

Hey Brent,

Sorry I didn't see this earlier. Would you mind following-up w/Mr. Vargas? Thanks!

- David



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From: Vargas, Brenda [<mailto:Brenda.Vargas@mail.house.gov>]
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 10:30 AM
To: Yogi, David
Subject: Exide Technologies in Los Angeles

Hello Mr. Yogi,

Our office was recently contact by the Southern California AQMD to inform us that Exide Technologies, a battery recycling company in the City of Vernon, CA is in violation of air quality regulations. AQMD is citing Exide Technologies and the City of Los Angeles is also looking to see if they can take legal action against this company.

As I was looking for information on Exide, I noticed that the EPA also monitors the company and has found it in violation. Can you provide me with additional information on the federal regulations Exide is violating and what the process is that the EPA takes when it finds that a company is violating regulations?

Thank you.

Brenda Vargas | Field Deputy

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